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acknowledge publicly any subscriptions

that may be sent in for the relief of

the destitute of Wheeling and hand

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mittee. The following have already

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"On Earth Peace, Good Will to Men."

Nearly nineteen hundred years have

passed since the hills of Judea rever-

bered with the first Christmas song of the

angels, sent to herald a Savior's birth.

On that memorable night, when the

stillness was broken by angelic voices,

no answering echo was heard from the

millions on earth, who were groping in

midnight darkness.

The Star of Bethlehem, that rose

above the hill tops on that night of

gloom, guiding the wise men to the crad-

le of Him who is the Light of the

World, was the harbinger of a brighter

day than earth had ever known; of a

day whose sun would never set; of a

day whose noontide glory should enve-

lop the whole earth, and whose beams

should penetrate to earth's remotest

bound.

The Star of Bethlehem was the har-

binger of a brighter day than earth had

ever known, a day when darkness would

forever disappear before the illuminat-

ing rays of the Sun of Righteousness,

and when human voices would catch the

refrain from the heavenly chorists and

join in the Christmas carol that

should never more cease—"Glory to God

in the highest, on earth peace, good

will to men."

Never in the world's history have so

many voices united in that song as are

singing it to-day, and never has that

song been so well understood as it is to-

day by the multitudes who are joining

in that first joyous Christmas carol.

Never was there a time in the history

of man when that song was more need-

ed. It is a song exactly suited to every

circumstance of life. It meets all con-

ditions—from lisping infancy to tremb-

ling old age. In every age of the world,

to every people, tribe and tongue, it is

the song just suited to life's experiences.

Even in this hour of national depres-

sion, when the stoutest hearts tremble

and grow faint under the chastening

rod that has fallen upon our beloved

land, for one day at least we may set

our eyes upon the Star of Bethlehem

and rejoice and be glad. Unto us a

child is born, unto us a Son is given,

whose name is Immanuel—God with

us. Let us rejoice, for He has promised

to be with us even to the end of the

world, and He has also said that no trial

should come upon us that we should

not be able to bear, but He would with

every trial make a way for our escape.

May we not repeat the chorus of the

angels over and over again on this

Christmas morning—"Glory to God in

the highest, on earth peace, good will

to men."

The good people who have contributed

to the relief fund have the consolation

to know that they have put a homely

comfort into the homes which other-

wise would have been without food and

fuel on this Christmas day.

The Plain Truth.

President Garland, of the Amalgam-

ated Association, dropped in on the

Trades' Assembly yesterday and said

some very sensible things about the

tariff in its relation to wages. A pro-

tection tariff, he says, makes possible a

higher standard of wages and of citi-

zenship. Under protection labor may

demand good wages.

Nothing could be more true, and the

truth of the saying is supported by ex-

perience. American wage-earners are

getting some experience now. They are

not demanding increased wages. Hun-

dreds of thousands are glad to get any

wages.

The trouble is that there is no work

at any price for these hundreds of

thousands. But they must comfort

themselves, if they can, with the Dem-

ocratic assurance that everything they

have need of will be cheaper as soon as

the Wilson bill becomes a law and the

increased importations begin. This

glorious thought should feed the hun-

gry, clothe the naked, house the shel-

terless.

The people are to have great times

when everything, including wages, be-

comes cheaper. They will be golden

days for anybody who has anything to

buy with.

In Indiana there is a Democratic

yearning for the talented scalp of Sena-

tor Voorhees. Is this what comes of

erving Mr. Cleveland?

Santa Claus.

It has come to the knowledge of the

INTELLIGENCER that evil-disposed per-

sons, who should be sent to the lock-

up, are spreading the malicious report

that there is no Santa Claus.

They go about their work in a stealthy

way, as the family cat moves about

when she is looking for the household

mouse. They profess to have an awful

secret to reveal to young people who

are looking for Santa Claus, and they

say to these expectant youngsters that

there is no Santa Claus.

Some of these big-wigs are honest

enough to admit that there used to be a

Santa Claus when they were young,

but that is so long ago that they can't

remember much about him. Since the

days of their youth and their Santa

Claus their blood has cooled and their

eyes have dimmed or their spectacles

don't suit, and if there is a Santa Claus

they can't see him.

Some times in very confidential mo-

ments they explain that Santa Claus

does not come in these days because the

boys and girls know too much and have

too much, and Santa Claus has

fallen out with them.

Against all the saying of all these

ugly people the INTELLIGENCER puts the

testimony of boys and girls who know

there is a Santa Claus, not because they

have seen him, although some of them

are sure they have, but because they

have seen and enjoyed the pretty things

he brought them.

If there is no Santa Claus, Mr. Smarty,

how can he bring anything? This, the

young people say, is a sock-dologer; and

so it is. It answers all criticisms on the

subject. It proves to those most inter-

ested that they know what they are

talking about.

This morning when the boys and

girls see the love gifts of Santa Claus

they know that he was around last

night. Isn't that enough?

Protests against the passage of the

Wilson tariff bill are among Brother

Wilson's Christmas gifts.

Last Year and This.

In thousands of homes Christmas

this year is not just as it was last year.

Where there was merriment last year

there is now very deep concern for the

necessaries of life. It is a great change

to be brought about so suddenly. It is

not one of those things that had to

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